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Docket No. 28069-523  
(Formerly: 121-176)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Awadhesh K. Mishra Confirmation No.: 7018  
Serial No.: 09/321,766  
Filing Date: May 28, 1999  
TC/A.U.: 1617  
Examiner: Edward J. Webman  
Customer No.: 35437  
For: **Thermoprotected Compositions and Process for Terminal Steam Sterilization of Microparticle Preparations**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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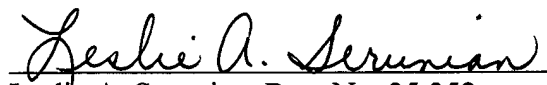
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the May 25, 2004 non-final Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on or before November 25, 2004. A check in the amount of \$980.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), for a large entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. **50-0311**, Reference Number: **28069-523**, Customer No. **35437**. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 23, 2004

  
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